

GASHED BY A WOMAN.

THE UGLY CUT THAT ROSA JOHNSON GAVE CHARLES WHITE.

Quarterly Meeting of the Baptist Sunday Schools—Five Luncheons in the City—Jail—Confagration.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, Va., July 13.—Charles White (colored) was very seriously and dangerously cut this morning by Rosa Johnson at the latter's house on Rose street, where he was visiting. Reports agree that the two first quarreled and then engaged in a fight, during which the woman hurled the broken globe of a glass lamp at White's head. The globe struck him fairly in the face, cutting a deep and ugly gash across the right eye from the top of the forehead nearly down to the chin. The woman was arrested and held for trial. Her statement is that she cutting was accidentally done while she was endeavoring to ward off his blow.

SUPERIOR UNION MEETING.

The quarterly union meeting of the Baptist Sunday schools of this city was held yesterday afternoon at the First Baptist church, and a fine address was delivered by Rev. John A. Bell, pastor of the First Baptist.

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There are five lunatics in the jail of this city awaiting admission to the asylum, all of them colored and two white.

A large paper balloon descended upon the farm of Mr. George W. Burton, in Chesterfield county, some six or seven miles from this city Sunday evening. It is supposed to have been sent by a person who had been employed to clean the house, was pawned by the accused, who does not deny the theft. His only explanation is that he found it, thought it of no value, and took it.

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ELECTRIC RAILWAY FOR SALEM.

The Conditions Upon Which the Franchise Was Granted—First German.

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SALEM, Va., July 13.—Last evening the Board of Trade voted to open a belt line electric railway (to traverse the principal streets of the town, both sides of the river) to the Salem Street Railway Company, Col. A. M. Bowden, president, who is the only man among the State legislators who has a charter granted by the State Legislature. The franchise is granted upon the following express conditions:

First. That the company shall commence work within three months and complete work within six months.

Second. That the company shall pay quarterly to the Council 2 per cent. of all gross receipts for freight or passengers over the entire line.

Third. The fare for each passenger not exceeding five cents between any two points within the corporate limits.

The company is to execute a bond for \$10,000 within thirty days for the faithful performance of the franchise and to observe the present ordinances in reference to street railways.

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RECORD IN THE MARKS CASE.

Effect of the Cold Weather—More About the Oldest County Clerk.

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EMORY, Va., July 13.—The record in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Carleton H. Marks, chief warden of the state, has been copied and is entered applying to one of the judges of the Court of Appeals for a writ of error and supersedeas.

Miss Emma Magrill, an old and highly esteemed lady, died at her residence here on Friday night. The funeral took place to-day in the Baptist church, where many attended. Rev. Mr. F. V. Panson preached a very touching sermon.

There is a good deal of sickness throughout this section.

The recent cold weather has retarded the growth of the crops to a considerable extent.

Misses Nannie and Lucy Watson have returned home.

THE OLDEST CLERK.

The query to the oldest court clerk in the State was, I think, fully answered in an issue of *Standard* recently. I was under the impression till that time that Mr. N. P. Terry, the accomplished clerk of Isle of Wight county, was the oldest in the State.

I notice that one of your correspondents recently mentioned the character of Mr. N. P. Terry and Mohun (mentions, respectively, in the two books of Mr. John Esten Cook—"Surry of Eagle's Nest" and "Mohun"—both real or fictitious). You replied that "he had no name mentioned in either of those books." Who is "Mohun" with considerable interest? And I wrote the author to know if the character of "Mohun" was real. Mr. Cook wrote me that it was only a character of his imagination. It was thought by a good many that it was a prominent Confederate officer.

A DWELLING-HOUSE BURNED.

The Depot Buildings Saved by Hard Work—The Churches Sunday.

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GORDONSVILLE, Va., July 13.—A large old frame building, the property of Mr. Robert Bruce, of Louisa county, near the village of Gordonsville, in Old Town, in this place, was discovered to be on fire this morning at an early hour, the smoke issuing from the windows in the second story occupied by some colored people and one white family.

The fire got gotten such headway before the hour and real arrived that all efforts to save this building were abandoned and the stream turned on the end of the freight depot, a very large frame building, which was saved by hard work and the aid of the water, tools, etc., with the help of the men and work of Mr. H. H. Harris, aided by Mr. T. Bailey, town sergeant, and others. This building had burned there would have been a bare possibility of saving it, but the fire was so well started and the company, together with Messrs. McMurrin & Co.'s grain warehouse, the thanks of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company and owners of property which was saved from destruction by this conflagration are

justly due in a special manner to these two gentlemen and to all who so wisely and earnestly and with great energy exercised such good judgment in limiting the bounds of destruction to the one building only.

LOSS AND INSURANCE.

Mr. W. O. Blakey, a merchant of the town, lost a quantity of leather sumacs which was on storage in the building, estimated at \$37.50.

There was no insurance on any of the property destroyed as far as I can learn.

PERSONAL.

Professor James Dinwiddie, of Raleigh, N.C., was here on a visit to his old friends last week.

Dr. James G. Fields, assistant surgeon in the United States Army, was on a short visit to his father's family near this city, who has been absent about three years, and his many friends will be glad to learn that he will return to Washington city and will be stationed there for the next term of service.

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